

21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, 12 December 2019
10:00 a.m. GoodWill Industries, Macon, GA

Present: Slayten Carter, Greg Ziesenhene, Laura Mathis, Brad Fink, Jim Taylor, Bob Hatcher, Ivan Allen, Sarah Hammond, Karen Lincoln, Cassandra Cox, Jonnell Minefee, Wayne Lowe, Ryan Weaver, Darlene McLendon, Bob Walker, Allen Landon, John Harley, John Hall, Angie Gheesling, Chrissy Miner, Dan Slagle, Dan Rhoades, Jamie Cook, Pat Bridges

Welcome

Dan Slagle

The meeting officially opened at 10:05. Dan thanked everyone for attending and introduced legislative representatives.

Prayer/Pledge

Jamie Cook

Financial Reports

Wayne Lowe

Chairman's Update

Dan Slagle

Dan announced that Dr Ivan Allen had been recognized as the Citizen of the Year by the Macon Chamber.

Dan thanked Georgia legislators for the 34 bills that had been passed in Georgia making it one of the top Military Friendly States.

Dan Slagle and George Greer toured MERC with Andi Mitchell and was amazed with the capabilities and what MERC does. Highly recommends others tour the facility.

Chief Operations Officer Update

Dan Rhoades

Dan gave an update on:

- DoD budget (3.1% military pay increase)
- RDML Grace M. Hopper Software Maintenance Excellence Award (National Award) given to Robins AFB
- Middle Georgia Charette and Regional Planning
- MGA Software Center of Innovation; Blue Sky (Mercer & RAFB)
- Secretary Robert McMahan
- Secretary Barbara Barrett
- Military Spouse Professional Network
- 2019 Support the Troops (190 care packages sent to deployed airmen)

STEM Outreach & Workforce Coordinator

Jamie Cook

Jamie gave an update on:

- Six new FTC competitive robotics teams started
 - Progress toward four more teams next year
 - Received funding from Flint Energies and CFCG
- Support for FIRST Lego League events
- P4 Initiative between RAFB and MGSA
- Planning for PyNight event in Macon-Bibb and classes in smaller counties
- Career Days/STEM Nigh at multiple schools
- Statewide FIRST Robotics Competition first weekend in April 2020

President/CEO Update

Chrissy Miner

Chrissy provided update on:

- Overview of FY19 activities
- Look ahead to 2020 – plan of work and projected travel

Closing remarks

Dan Slagle

Great community, great support to RAFB, great partnership staff! Recognized Chrissy for her high energy, Dan for his uncanny ability to comprehend government documents and translate for our understanding and Jamie for his passion for what he does!

- The next 21st CP meeting is still to be scheduled
- Meeting adjourned at 10:56.